

## **REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY BY THE INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number **5,765,674**, granted **June 16, 1998**, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled

### **MEMBRANE SPRING CLUTCH FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I believe the original patent, No. 5,765,674, to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification or drawing, or by reason of claiming more or less than I had a right to claim in the patent. An error being relied upon as a basis for this reissue application is that one or more claims are too narrow and that the attorney handling this case failed to appreciate the full scope of the invention. An error being relied upon as a basis for this reissue application appears at new claims 5-7. These claims accurately reflect the configuration and operation of the claimed invention. In the issued patent, No. 5,765,674, claims 1-4 erroneously claimed that "said insulating member comprising a metal portion and an additional portion (at claim 1, col. 10, lines 17-30; claim 2, col. 11, line 64 to col. 12, line 2; claim 3, col. 13, lines 7-20 and claim 4, cols. 43-51); however, this claim limitation clearly led to a claim scope which is less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent. The new claims correct this error.

All of the errors are being corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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